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ROME PASS FODAG

E. O. 11652: ADS 4/1/74
TAGS: EAID EFIN ECON BG
SUBJ: FOOD AID PLEDGES AT INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON BANGLADESH

SUMMARY: FOOD AID PLEDGING SOMEWHAT RESTRAINED, AS MANY
COUNTRIES HAD, PREVIOUS TO THIS MEETING, ANNOUNCED FOOD AID AND/ OR
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CASH CONTRIBUTIONS FOR BANGLADESH, AND NEW FOOD COMMODITY PLEDGING CENTERED ON CANADA, JAPAN, AUSTRALIA, AND UNITED STATES. FOOD AID PLEDGED TO DATE FOR BANGLADESH FOR EIGHTEEN MONTH PERIOD OF CY 1973/ FY 1974 CONSISTS OF (A) APPROXIMATELY 570,000 MT OF FOODGRAINS (AND ADDITIONAL PURCHASES BDG COULD MAKE FROM CASH CONTRIBUTIONS) ANNOUNCED PRIOR THIS MEETING AND (B) NEW PLEDGES OF APPROXIMATELY 760,000 MT OF FOODGRAINS (ASSUMING A U. S. LEVEL OF APPROXIMATELY 500,000 MT) FOR SUPPLY FY 1974. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT BDG FOODGRAIN COMMERCIAL PROCUREMENTS OF APPROXIMATELY 1.2 MILLION MT, THE GRAND TOTAL OF FOODGRAIN AVAILABILITIES TO BANGLADESH WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY 2.53 MILLION MT. NOTE SHOULD ALSO BE MADE OF THE 19,000 MT OF NFD MILK NEWLY PLEDGED BY EEC AND OTHER U. S. COMMODITY CONSIDERATIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. THE TOTAL OF 2.53 MILLION MT ABOVE IS LESS THAN THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THESE EIGHTEEN MONTHS MADE UP OF (A) 2.5 MIL MT ESTIMATED BY UNROD AS CY 1973 NEED PLUS (B) 0.65 MIL MT WHICH IS HALF OF BDG CURRENT GUESSTIMATE OF CY 1974 NEEDS ASSUMING A GOOD AMAN CROP THIS FALL. THE RESULTING GAP OF 0.62 MIL MT WILL IN PART BE FILLED BY (1) EXPECTED CASH PURCHASES FROM CONTRIBUTIONS BY OTHER DONORS, (2) LIMITED USE OF FY 73 US RELIEF DOLLAR APPROPRIATION FOR WHEAT, AND (3) ADDITIONAL BDG COMMERCIAL PURCHASES, SOME FORM OF UMR, IN EARLY CY 74 PURSUANT TO PRINCIPLE PROPOSED BY US DEL IN OPENING STATEMENT BY D. G. MACDONALD.

2. STATEMENT FOR FOOD SESSION. U. S. FOOD ASSISTANCE PLEDGE COVERED BY FOLLOWING STATEMENT: " THE UNITED STATES HAS FOLLOWED THE FOOD SITUATION CLOSELY HERE AND, TO DO OUR PART IN DEALING WITH SHORTAGES OVER THE PAST 15 MONTHS, WE HAVE PROVIDED FOOD ASSISTANCE VALUED AT ABOUT $150 MILLION.

" TO HELP ENSURE A CONTINUING SUPPLY OF FOODGRAINS THIS YEAR AND TO EASE THE STRAIN ON OUR PL480 BUDGET FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR, WE ARE PREPARED, SUBJECT TO CONSULTATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF BANGLADESH, TO ALLOCATE A PORTION OF OUR $90 MILLION FISCAL 1973 BILATERAL GRANT FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOOD.

" DURING THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR, WE EXPECT, SUBJECT TO COMMODITY

AVAILABILITIES AND BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS, AND THESE MAY BE CONSIDERABLE, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE TO BE USED FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND SCHEDULE OUR FISCAL YEAR 1974 AVAILABILITIES IN A WAY WHICH WILL ENSURE A STEADY FLOW OF FOODGRAINS PRIOR TO THE AMAN CROP AS WELL AS TO PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE STOCK POSITION IN EARLY AND MID-1974. THEREFORE, OUR FINAL DECISIONS MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT SEVERAL FACTORS, WHICH I MENTIONED BRIEFLY YESTERDAY.

" FIRST, ACTION BY OTHER DONORS- DONORS WHO CAN PROVIDE CASH FOR PURCHASE OF FOODGRAINS IN ADDITION TO THOSE WHO CAN PROVIDE FOOD. AS I STRESSED YESTERDAY, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE U. S. SHOULD BE EXPECTED TO MEET AN INORDINATE AMOUNT OF THE TOTAL FOODGRAIN IMPORT, PARTICULARLY SINCE BANGLADESH' S NEEDS ARE OF SUFFICIENT MAGNITUDE THAT NO ONE DONOR CAN OR SHOULD BE EXPECTED TO SUPPLY THE BULK OF YOUR EXTERNAL REQUIREMENTS.

" THE ARRIVAL SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS BY OTHERS WILL ALSO BE A FACTOR IN DECISIONS AS TO HOW BEST TO ALLOCATE OUR ASSISTANCE THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE FISCAL YEAR. THE COORDINATION MECHANISMS STARTED BY UNROD MUST CONTINUE WITH INCREASING GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION TO ENSURE THAT THE TRANSPORT AND DISTRIBUTION NETWORK IS NOT OVERTAXED BY THE UNTIMELY ARRIVAL OF FUTURE FOODGRAIN CONTRIBUTIONS.

" SECOND, FUTURE ACTIONS AND INPUTS BY THE BANGLADESH GOVERNMENT- WE WILL NEED TO FULLY UNDERSTAND THE GOVERNMENT' S FUTURE POLICIES REGARDING IMPROVED DOMESTIC PRODUCTION, STOCK MANAGEMENT AND

INTERNAL PRICING OF FOOD, AND THE INPUTS NECESSARY TO IMPROVE YOUR OWN PRODUCTION AND TO CONTINUE EXTERNAL COMMERCIAL PURCHASES. WE WISH OUR FUTURE ASSISTANCE IN THIS FIELD TO BE COMPLIMENTARY

TO YOUR OBJECTIVES OF FOOD SELF- SUFFICIENCY AS DISCUSSED IN

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